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NEWFOUND AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board Agenda

Monday, September 11, 2023

Non-Public: 6 p.m.

Public Session: Following Non-Public

Location: LMC - Newfound Regional High School

- I. Call to Order by the School Board Vice Chair, Kim Bliss at 6 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Record Roll:

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| Kimberly Bliss, Alexandria | present |
| Dominic Halle, Bridgewater | present |
| Joe Maloney, Bristol | present |
| Melissa Suckling, Danbury | excused absence |
| Britta Matthews, Groton | present |
| Thomas Edwards, Hebron | present |
| Nathan Saler, New Hampton | present |
- IV. Kim Bliss made a motion to enter Non-Public Session: 91-A:3II(a): The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employer or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.
Tom Edwards seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Danbury excused absence) ***Motion Passed***
Board discussed human resources. Public opened at 6:33.
- V. Approval or Modification of Agenda
None
- VI. Newfound Athletics – Jacob Tivey
Thirteen new coach staff at middle and high school. Jake provided numbers of athletes participating in sports. Safety issues are in place due to the heat.
- VII. Technology Student Association (TSA) Presented by Hannah Upperman, NRHS Student; Craig Upperman, parent; Alicia Lynn Sponsor provided an update on TSA at the middle school and hopes there is a future at the high school too. Hannah Upperman was a semifinalist at the National Conference in digital photography.
- VIII. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 28, 2023

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Nate moved to approve minutes and Joe seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Danbury excused absence) ***Motion Passed***

- IX. Public Comment (Minimum 30 minutes)
Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater disagreed with several resolutions by the NHSBA. For example, he questioned the resolution to affirm universal public Pre-K instruction that could be handled by private day care.
- X. Correspondence
None
- XI. Announcements and Recognition
- a. Superintendent Report Steve Nilhas visited all the schools during drop off and pickup to meet the families. Steve read a letter he sent out to all staff last Friday. He acknowledged the problem with the video of the last meeting and also the comments about the heat. Steve will arrange a meeting with Steve Tucker to visit the Huot Tech Center in Laconia.
 - b. Student Representative Report Mika Austin thanked Jake Tivey for the challenging schedule during the heat. First day of the school assembly made everyone feel welcome. Mika noted several flaws like food, hot and cold water, sometimes no water.
 - c. Teacher Representative Report Sarah Ohl noted a college fair Sept. 20. Sept. 27 is Open House at high school and Project Promise began today.
- XII. Committee Reports
- a. The Budget Committee will meet Tuesday the 19th.
 - b. Facilities Committee next Monday meeting.
 - c. Policy Committee none
 - d. Wellness Committee none
 - e. Building Committee, the 21st at 5:30 p.m. at the high school
 - f. Curriculum Committee none
 - g. Hill School District Committee none
- XIII. New Business
1. Determine a Deliberative Session Date (RSA 40:13, III) Saturday, February 3 through Saturday, February 10
February 10 at 10 a.m. at the high school. Dominic moved to hold the deliberative session on February 10. Tom seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Danbury excused absence) ***Motion Passed***
- XIV. Old Business
1. School Board Work Session September 18, 2023. Kim encouraged the community to attend and engage in discussion.
 2. Superintendent Search Committee still accepting members. Email Melissa Suckling if interested. Hope to have assignments made by the 25th.
 3. Delegate Assembly please review and discuss the resolutions so Joe knows how to vote at the Delegate Assembly.
- XV. Board Comments
Tom noted the positive feedback from school staff, but questioned the poor report of food service by Mika. Nate is concerned about noted graffiti.

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Tom met with Hebron selectmen and noted they think that Bridgewater, Hebron and Groton will pass the vote to form their own district. Britta questioned this since she does not get that from parents.

Kim thanked everyone and encouraged people to attend the work session.

Dominic noted the success of cross country and their highlights in the newspaper.

XVI. Financial

- a. Trust Fund Report Robin gave an update on the IT fund that is established with \$100,000. The maintenance trust fund has \$1,427,613.

XVII. Adjournment

Kim moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Nate seconded. Vote 6-0-0-1 (Danbury excused absence) ***Motion Passed***

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Whittier, School Board Clerk

District staff: Steve Nilhas, Superintendent of Schools; Robin Reinhold, Business Administrator; Nancy Coffin, Student Services, Administrator; Susan Read, Videographer; Sarah Ohl, Teacher Representative; Mika Austin, NRHS student

Public: Aubrey Freedman, Bridgewater; Jacob Tivey, New Hampton; Susan Karcheck, Bridgewater; Marie Carson, Alexandria; Alicia Lynn-TSA and Mr. Upperman and other TSA parent and students.

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